

Congressional Activities Report for the Council Coordination Committee

Submitted to the New England Fishery Management Council

February 28, 2017

Overview of Work Provided:

- Provided information on Congressional activities of interest to the Regional Fishery Management Councils (see below for updates on, and links to, House and Senate Magnuson-related hearings or other hearings of interest)
- Monitored Congressional hearing and markup schedules related to fisheries management, international fisheries, or other issues of interest to the Regional Fishery Management Councils
- Provided notice of legislation of interest moving through the House, Senate, or to the President
- Provided Regional Fishery Management Councils' meeting schedule information to House and Senate staff for consideration in the scheduling of Congressional activities related to the Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization or other fisheries issues of interest to the Councils
- Met with Congressional staff to discuss upcoming activities, hearings and legislation
- Provided Council information to appropriate Congressional staff on fisheries issues of interest

Upcoming Magnuson-Stevens Act or Fisheries Related Hearings:

No hearings have been scheduled at this time.

Other Upcoming Hearings or Other Items of Interest:

The Senate voted to confirm the Secretary of Commerce nominee Wilbur Ross on February 27, 2017 by a vote of 72-27. He is expected to be sworn in on Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Previous Hearings, Markups, or Meetings of Interest:

- January 18, 2017 - Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee Hearing on the nomination of Wilbur Ross, President-elect Donald Trump's Secretary of the Department of Commerce designee.
Link: <http://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=D31485C6-69E7-4AA5-A9B4-1025C364B3DF>
- January 24, 2017 – Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee Executive Session on a number of issues including the vote on the nomination of Wilbur Ross, President-elect Donald Trump's Secretary of the Department of Commerce designee.

Link: <http://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=2D5C496A-1B0C-4DA4-861A-607187402E38>

- February 7, 2017 – House Natural Resources Committee’s organizational meeting. Link to the meeting:
<http://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/default.aspx?Year=2017&Month=02&Earliest=2/7/2017>

Appropriations Update:

The Continuing Resolution, which became Public Law 114-254 on December 12, 2016, funds the Federal government through April 28, 2017.

The House Appropriations Committee announced “Member Day” hearings – which are opportunities for individual Members of the House to testify on programs within specific appropriation bills. The “Member Day” for the Commerce Subcommittee was held on February 28, 2017.

No hearings related to appropriations for fisheries programs have been announced yet by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Legislation of Interest and Legislative Activities (updates in red):

House Fisheries-Related Bills:

H.R. 200, the “Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act” (Rep. Young, R-Alaska). Introduced on January 3, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 204, the “Genetically Engineered Salmon Labeling Act” (Rep. Young, R-Alaska). Introduced on January 3, 2017 and referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

H.R. 205, a bill to “amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require labeling of genetically engineered fish” (Rep. Young, R-Alaska). Introduced on January 3, 2017 and referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

H.R. 206, the “Prevention of Escapement of Genetically Altered Salmon in the United States Act (Rep. Young, R-Alaska). Introduced on January 3, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 214, the “American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act” (Rep. Young, R-Alaska). Introduced on January 3, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 223, a bill to “prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce from authorizing commercial finfish aquaculture operations in the Exclusive Economic Zone except in

accordance with a law authorizing such action.” (Rep. Young, R-Alaska). Introduced on January 3, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 374, a bill to remove the sunset provision of section 203 of Public Law 105–384, and for other purposes (Rep. Beutler, R-Washington). Introduced on January 9, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. *(Note: This is the bill to extend state jurisdiction over the Dungeness crab fishery.)* This legislation passed the House of Representatives on January 30, 2017 under Suspension of the Rules.

H.R. 527, the “Finding Innovative Lionfish Elimination Technologies Act of 2017”, (Rep. Curbelo, R-Florida), to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to award competitive grants to combat the certain species of lionfish in the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico.

Senate Fisheries-Related Bills:

S. 61, a bill to remove the sunset provision of section 203 of Public Law 105–384 and for other purposes (Sen. Cantwell, D-Washington). Introduced on January 9, 2017 and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. *(Note: This is the bill to extend state jurisdiction over the Dungeness crab fishery.)*

S. 396, (Sen. Nelson, D-Florida) to make technical amendments to certain marine fish conservation statutes, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 15, 2017 and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. *(Note: this legislation would amend the Billfish Conservation Act of 2012 and the Shark Conservation Act of 2010.)*

Other House Bills of Interest:

H.R. 169, the “West Coast Ocean Protection Act of 2017” (Rep. Huffman, D-California) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington. Introduced on January 3, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 222, a bill to “amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act to prescribe an additional requirement for the designation of marine sanctuaries off the coast of Alaska and for other purposes” (Rep. Young, R-Alaska). Introduced on January 3, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 310, the “Southwestern Oregon Watershed and Salmon Protection Act” (Rep. DeFazio, D- Oregon) to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 5, 2017 and referred to the House Natural resources Committee.

H.R. 368, the “Safeguard Aquaculture Farmers Act” (Rep. Crawford, R-Arkansas) to provide the force and effect of law for certain regulations relating to the taking of double-crested cormorants to reduce depredation at aquaculture facilities and protect public resources. Introduced on January 9, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 845, the “Ocean Acidification Research Partnerships Act” (Rep. Carbajal, D-California) provide for ocean acidification collaborative research grant opportunities. Introduced on February 3, 2017 and referred to the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

Other Senate Bills of Interest:

S. 31, the “West Coast Ocean Protection Act of 2017” (Sen. Wyden, D-Oregon) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington. Introduced on January 4, 2017 and referred to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

S. 33, the “Improved National Monument Designation Process Act” (Sen. Murkowski, R-Alaska), to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments, to establish requirements for the declaration of marine national monuments, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 5, 2017 and referred to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Committees of Interest – list of Members for 115th Congress:

Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee Members

The Committee has 27 Members - 14 Republicans and 13 Democrats

(Coastal State Members are highlighted)

Republicans

Sen. John Thune (R-South Dakota) – Chairman

Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Mississippi)

Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Missouri)

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas)

Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Nebraska)

Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kansas)

Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska)

Sen. Dean Heller (R-Nevada)

Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Oklahoma)

Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah)

Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wisconsin)

Democrats

Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Florida) – Ranking Member

Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Washington)

Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minnesota)

Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Connecticut)

Sen. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii)

Sen. Ed Markey (D-Massachusetts)

Sen. Cory Booker (D-New Jersey)

Sen. Tom Udall (D-New Mexico)

Sen. Gary Peters (D-Michigan)

Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisconsin)

Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-Illinois)

Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-West Virginia)

Sen. Maggie Hassan (D-New Hampshire)

Sen. Cory Gardner (R-Colorado)

Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nevada)

Sen. Todd Young (R-Indiana)

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard

The Subcommittee has 15 Members - 8 Republicans and 7 Democrats

(Coastal State Members are highlighted)

Republicans

Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), Chairman

Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Mississippi)

Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Nebraska)

Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Oklahoma)

Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah)

Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wisconsin)

Sen. Cory Gardner (R-Colorado)

Sen. Todd Young (R-Indiana)

Democrats

Gary Peters (D- Michigan) – Ranking Member

Maria Cantwell (D-Washington)

Richard Blumenthal (D-Connecticut)

Brian Schatz (D- Hawaii)

Edward Markey (D- Massachusetts)

Cory Booker (D-New Jersey)

Tammy Baldwin (D- Wisconsin)

House Natural Resources Members – 115th Congress

The Committee membership consists of 43 Representatives –

25 Republicans and 18 Democrats

(Coastal Members are highlighted)

Republicans

Rob Bishop (UT-01) – Chairman

Don Young (AK-at large)

Louie Gohmert (TX-01)

Doug Lamborn (CO-05)

Rob Wittman (VA-01)

Democrats

Raúl M. Grijalva (AZ-03) – Ranking Member

Grace Napolitano (CA-32)

Madeleine Bordallo (Guam, At-large)

Jim Costa (CA-16)

Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (CNMI, At-large)

Tom McClintock (CA-04)	Niki Tsongas (MA-05)
Steve Pearce (NM-02)	Jared Huffman (CA-02)
Glenn 'GT' Thompson (PA-05)	Alan Lowenthal (CA-47)
Paul Gosar (AZ-04)	Don Beyer (VA-08)
Raul Labrador (ID-01)	Norma Torres (CA-35)
Scott Tipton (CO-03)	Ruben Gallego (AZ-07)
Doug LaMalfa (CA-01)	Jared Polis (CO-02)
Jeff Denham (CA-10)	WM. Lacy Clay, Jr. (Missouri-01)
Paul Cook (CA-08)	Colleen Hanabusa (HI-01)
Bruce Westerman (AR-04)	Nanette Barragán (CA-44)
Garret Graves (LA-06)	Darren Soto (FL-09)
Jody Hice (GA-10)	Jimmy Panetta (CA-20)
Amata Coleman Radewagen (AS-at large)	A. Donald McEachin (VA-04)
Darin LaHood (IL-18)	Anthony Brown (MD-04)
Daniel Webster (FL-11)	
David Rouzer (NC-07)	
Jack Bergman (MI-01)	
Liz Cheney (WY-at large)	
Mike Johnson (LA-04)	
Jennifer Gonzalez (PR-at large)	

Water, Power and Oceans Subcommittee

19 Members – 11 Republicans and 8 Democrats

(Coastal Members are highlighted)

Republicans

Doug Lamborn (Colorado) – Chair

Rob Wittman (Virginia)

Democrats

Jared Huffman (California) – Ranking Member

Grace Napolitano (California)

Tom McClintock (California)

Paul Gosar (Arizona)

Doug LaMalfa (California)

Jeff Denham (California)

Garret Graves (Louisiana)

Jody Hice (Georgia)

Daniel Webster (Florida)

David Rouzer (North Carolina)

Mike Johnson (Louisiana)

Rob Bishop (Utah) – Ex Officio

Jim Costa (California)

Don Beyer (Virginia)

Nanette Barragan (California)

Jimmy Panetta (California)

Madeleine Bordallo (Guam)

Gregorio Sablan (CNMI)

Raul Grijalva (Arizona) – Ex Officio

Senate Appropriations Committee – 115th Congress

16 Republicans and 15 Democrats

(Coastal State Members are highlighted)

Republicans

Thad Cochran, Mississippi, Chairman

Mitch McConnell, Kentucky

Richard Shelby, Alabama

Lamar Alexander, Tennessee

Susan Collins, Maine

Lisa Murkowski, Alaska

Lindsey Graham, South Carolina

Roy Blunt, Missouri

Jerry Moran, Kansas

John Hoeven, North Dakota

John Boozman, Arkansas

Shelley Moore Capito, West Virginia

Democrats

Patrick Leahy, Vermont, Vice Chairman

Patty Murray, Washington

Dianne Feinstein, California

Richard Durbin, Illinois

Jack Reed, Rhode Island

Jon Tester, Montana

Tom Udall, New Mexico

Jeanne Shaheen, New Hampshire

Jeff Merkley, Oregon

Christopher Coons, Delaware

Brian Schatz, Hawaii

Tammy Baldwin, Wisconsin

James Langford, Oklahoma

Steve Daines, Montana

Marco Rubio, Florida

John Kennedy, Louisiana

Chris Murphy, Connecticut

Joe Manchin, West Virginia

Chris Van Hollen, Maryland

Senate Appropriations Committee - Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

9 Republicans and 8 Democrats

(Coastal State Members are highlighted)

Republicans

Richard Shelby, Alabama, Chairman

Lamar Alexander, Tennessee

Lisa Murkowski, Alaska

Susan Collins, Maine

Lindsey Graham, South Carolina

John Boozmen, Arkansas

Shelley Moore Capito, West Virginia

James Langford, Oklahoma

John Kennedy, Louisiana

Democrats

Jeanne Shaheen, New Hampshire, Ranking Member

Patrick Leahy, Vermont

Dianne Feinstein, California

Jack Reed, Rhode Island

Christopher Coons, Delaware

Brian Schatz, Hawaii

Joe Manchin, West Virginia

Chris Van Hollen, Maryland

House Appropriations Committee Members – 115th Congress

30 Republicans and 22 Democrats

(Coastal Members are highlighted)

Republicans

Rodney P. Frelinghuysen, New Jersey, Chairman

Harold Rogers, Kentucky

Democrats

Nita M. Lowey, New York, Ranking Member

Marcy Kaptur, Ohio

Robert B. Aderholt, Alabama

Kay Granger, Texas

Michael K. Simpson, Idaho

John Abney Culberson, Texas

John R. Carter, Texas

Ken Calvert, California

Tom Cole, Oklahoma

Mario Diaz-Balart, Florida

Charles W. Dent, Pennsylvania

Tom Graves, Georgia

Kevin Yoder, Kansas

Steve Womack, Arkansas

Jeff Fortenberry, Nebraska

Thomas J. Rooney, Florida

Charles J. Fleischmann, Tennessee

Jaime Herrera Beutler, Washington

David P. Joyce, Ohio

David G. Valadao, California

Andy Harris, MD, Maryland

Martha Roby, Alabama

Mark E. Amodei, Nevada

Chris Stewart, Utah

David Young, Iowa

Evan H. Jenkins, West Virginia

Steven Palazzo, Mississippi

Dan Newhouse, Washington

John R. Moolenaar, Michigan

Scott Taylor, Virginia

Peter J. Visclosky, Indiana

José E. Serrano, New York

Rosa L. DeLauro, Connecticut

David E. Price, North Carolina

Lucille Roybal-Allard, California

Sanford D. Bishop, Jr., Georgia

Barbara Lee, California

Betty McCollum, Minnesota

Tim Ryan, Ohio

C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger, Maryland

Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Florida

Henry Cuellar, Texas

Chellie Pingree, Maine

Mike Quigley, Illinois

Derek Kilmer, Washington

Matt Cartwright, Pennsylvania

Grace Meng, New York

Mark Pocan, Wisconsin

Katherine M. Clark, Massachusetts

Pete Aguilar, California

House Appropriations Committee - Commerce Subcommittee Members

Republicans and 4 Democrats

(Coastal Members are highlighted)

Republicans

John Culberson, Texas, Chairman

Hal Rogers, Kentucky

Robert Aderholt, Alabama

John Carter, Texas

Martha Roby, Alabama

Steven Palazzo, Mississippi

Evan Jenkins, West Virginia

Democrats

José Serrano, New York, Ranking Member

Derek Kilmer, Washington

Matt Cartwright, Pennsylvania

Grace Meng, New York